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SUBJECT: POSITION PAPER FOR TARIFFS GROUP MEETING, DECEMBER 15 (TPSC 76-78)

1. THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE AND STR APPROVED THE FOLLOWING POSITION PAPER FOR THE TARIFFS GROUP MEETING:
2. PROBLEM. THE MTN TARIFFS GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON DECEMBER 15, 1976. THE AGENDA IS THE SAME AS FOR THE LAST FOUR MEETINGS. HOWEVER, THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THIS MEETING IS TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL

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TREATMENT FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. U.S. OBJECTIVES. THE PRINCIPAL U.S. OBJECTIVE AT THIS MEETING IS TO AVOID AGREEMENT IN THE GROUP, WITH OR WITHOUT U.S. CONCURRENCE, ON SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO BE GRANTED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE COURSE OF THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. POSITION. (A) TARIFF REDUCTION FORMULA. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS QUESTION (TPSC 76-44, AS AMENDED BY STATE 248860 AND STATE 251282; MTN GENEVA 4303, AS REVISED BY STATE 163806; AND STATE 68940 AND 68941). (SEE ALSO MTN/TAR/W/39, 30, AND 15.)

(B) EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURES. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE POSITION IN TPSC 76-44.

(C) SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY REITERATE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL MEASURES AND MAY REMIND THE GROUP OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL ON SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID ANY GROUP CONSENSUS OR "IN PRINCIPLE" AGREEMENT ON SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE CLARIFICATION OF POSITIONS AS PUT FORTH AND IS TAKING NOTE OF PROPOSALS MADE BY OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. (FOR GUIDANCE SEE MTN/TAR/W/10 AND PAGE 5 OF MTN/TAR/W/15.)

(D) OTHER AGENDA ITEMS. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY TPSC 76-44. ROBINSON

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